GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
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DEVELOPMENT OF INLAND WATER TRANSPORT SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether different maritime States in the country have submitted proposals for development of Inland Water Transport System in their States with regard to Crew training, night navigation facilities etc. at small and medium harbours;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (c): Nine maritime States have submitted 61 proposals for development of inland water transport under Centrally Sponsored scheme (CSS). Out of this, 19 proposals have been sanctioned, details of which are enclosed at Annexure. 30 proposals have not been agreed to and clarifications have been sought from the States on remaining 12. These included two proposals relating to crew training centres received from States of Orissa and West Bengal under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS). Proposal of Orissa related to renovation of crew training centre at Chandbali and that of West Bengal related to setting up of regional inland navigation institute- cum- regional crew training centre at Shibpur. These proposals could not be considered for sanction since the same were beyond the purview of the existing guidelines of CSS. No proposal for night navigation facilities at small and medium harbours has been received from any maritime State.